

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method of and system for issuing an electronic  
authorization and validation for pre-scheduled activities, such as  
airline reservations, to eliminate paper tickets. The passenger  
makes the reservation and a reservation number is issued in the  
central computer of the airline reservation center. The passenger  
is then issued a plastic I.D. card that may be used to access the  
computer for validation purposes. An automatic teller machine, at  
10 the airport, allows the passenger to receive specific flight  
information, departure gate information, and a boarding pass, and  
to make reservations and access frequent flier information and  
messages, simply by the insertion of the I.D. card in a card  
reader at the ATM. A mobile airline communications system at the  
15 departure gate includes a magnetic card reader that provides  
validation of the reservation at the departure, which allows the  
passenger to board the aircraft. The system may be utilized for  
hotel reservations, car rentals and other types of pre-scheduled,  
pre-payable activities that require authorization and validation  
at each scheduled activity. Also, goods and services provided by  
20 the airline may be obtained using the I.D. card, including  
charging purchases against the passenger's accumulated frequent  
flier miles.